

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Why, of Course Not.



DISCUSSES BEST MEANS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Frederick H. Elliott Delivers Address on "Safety" Measures Before Local Organization.

Presents Program for Preserving Lives Advocated at Detroit Convention—Other Speakers.

Greater interest in accident prevention throughout the United States was predicted by Frederick H. Elliott, secretary of the Safety First Federation of America, in an address at the Public Library last evening. Mr. Elliott spoke at a special meeting of the local safety organization, and his audience included officials of the two street railways and representatives of the police department, the public schools and of various civic and other organizations.

Expressing satisfaction with the work which has been accomplished throughout the United States during the past year, Mr. Elliott was highly optimistic regarding the future outlook. He explained that at the recent safety convention in Detroit deep interest was manifested by a large number of men who have it within their power to further the interests of safety in this country.

"If only one life is saved in a year something has been accomplished," Mr. Elliott said. "It is going to take time to do this work of course, but nothing can be done in a moment." The speaker favored education for safety, but said that if that failed legislation was next necessary.

Annual Death Toll.

"When nearly six hundred persons are killed in New York alone in one year—a population large enough to fill a village—it is time for something to be done," said Mr. Elliott. He told of a number of things which the Detroit committee had done, and which the federation will work. These include the following:

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WINTER CONSTELLATIONS WELL UP IN EVENING SKY

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The winter constellations of the heavens are now well up in the evening sky, as the autumn stars pass practically from the observation of star gazers.

The brilliant star Sirius is still low in the southeast, while Orion and Taurus can be seen still higher in that section of the southeastern sky. Procyon can be located to the left of Sirius and above him is Gemini, and still higher in the heavens is Auriga, beyond which shines Perseus, almost overhead. Westward from the zenith hangs Andromeda and Pegasus, the most prominent of all the galaxy of the celestial constellations.

At this season of the year the isolated and dimly shining stars, such as Beta Ceti, in the southwestern heavens, appear more brilliant in their loneliness as they come through the many light years it requires their radiance to reach our earth.

Far in the northwestern heavens can be seen Cygnus and Lyra, while Cassiopeia is high above the pole, with Cepheus below the pole. To the left and above the meridian in the early evening, and is the most brilliant object in the evening sky. Saturn is now in Gemini, and rises about 8:15 p.m.

The planet Mars is now in the constellation Leo and is growing brighter as the light of the sun diminishes. It is the most conspicuous object in the heavens early in January, 1916, at which time astronomers at all the great observatories of the world hope to make some new discoveries on the face of our nearest neighbor in space. Jupiter is now in the constellation Cancer, and is the most brilliant object that can be observed through a telescope.

Anna Case Concert.

A wide range of composers contributed to the program of Mrs. Anna Case, the star of the third concert of the "ten-star series," presented at the New National Theater by T. Arthur Smith, yesterday afternoon. It served to disclose not only a delightful soprano voice of wide range and superb training, but a dainty singer whose art of interpretation vied with an appealing personality to win her audience.

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A Little Tragedy

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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Finances of the Home.

The financial fund of the home deposited in the United States Treasury is \$3,345,783, a decrease of \$3,959 since June 30, 1914. The net expenses of the home proper is stated at \$452,193 and the average cost per man a month was \$23.85, of which amount \$11.67 was for subsistence. The board says that the increased expense is largely due to the increased number of inmates, having been fifty-one more than the preceding year.

Comfort and Amusements.

Every provision is made for the comfort and amusement of the soldiers. In addition to the facilities provided for athletic exercises, billiards, cards, checkers and chess, the amusements have been moving pictures and band concerts. Experience has shown that moving pictures are more popular with the soldiers than any other form of amusement tried in the theater. Gov. Young describes the discipline of the home in general as excellent.

Col. A. W. Brewster of the inspector general's department, who made an inspection of the home during the year, reported that the home is in fine condition and says the governor and his assistants are to be commended for their conscientious and untiring efforts to promote the welfare of the inmates, who appear to live in comfort and contentment. The area of tillage is about 562 acres, of which about 160 acres are under cultivation.

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